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| For: CIGARETTE HAVING REDUCED SIDESTREAM SMOKE |)))) |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

smoking material.

Please cancel Claims 1-25, 41, 42 and 64 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof and replace Claim 26 as follows:

(Amended) A cigarette wrapper for a cigarette having reduced sidestream smoke between puffs, comprising:

a second layer of material formed around said first layer, wherein said second layer reduces combustion of said smoking material between puffs, wherein said first layer is more combustible than said second layer when exposed to thermal energy generated by said

a first layer of material adapted to be formed around smoking material; and

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